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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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Choose Your God!

A New Year's Sermon
By Evangelist Monroe Parker, Greenville, S. C.

"And I have given you a land for which ye did not labour, and cities which ye built not, and ye dwell in them; of the vineyards and oliveyards which ye planted not do ye eat. Now therefore fear the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood [literally 'river'—the river Euphrates], and in Egypt; and serve ye the Lord. And if it seem evil unto you to serve the Lord, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood [Euphrates], or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."—Joshua 24:13-15.

Joshua offered the people the alternative of choosing between Jehovah, the true God of Heaven, or some other god. They had to choose one god or another. Everybody worships something. Every person in all the world, even the atheist, has some kind of god.

Some years ago I was on my way to Miami to hold a revival meeting in the First Baptist Church. I went down from Jacksonville by bus. A rather portly, sophisticated lady sat down in the seat next to me and began a lengthy explanation to a passenger across the aisle as to why she had condescended to ride with ordinary folks on a Greyhound bus. After a period of greatly appreciated silence, she turned and asked me if I were a tourist. I replied that I was an evangelist on my way to Miami to conduct a revival meeting. She seemed rather surprised; she had heard of evangelists but had never actually met one in person and found it difficult to believe that they actually did exist. At that time I was connected with Bob Jones University. When I told the lady this, she asked if that were not "a reactionary school." I explained that it was an orthodox Christian university with a positive and aggressive program, although it stands "without apology for the old-time religion and the absolute authority of the Bible."

She said she "did not know that educated people believed in God any more." I explained that some of the greatest scholars in the world are orthodox and believe the Bible profoundly. She said, "Incidentally, I received my Mas-

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He That Winneth Souls is Wise

Six Great Reasons Why Soul Winning Should Be the Business of Life With Every Christian

By the late Dr. R. A. Torrey

(As preached in revival in Birmingham, England.)

"He that winneth souls is wise."—Proverbs 11:30.

If I should go up and down the streets of Birmingham and ask the different men and women whom I met, "Whom do you regard as the wise man?" I would get a great variety of answers.

I might go, for example, into some of your banks and ask the man who was at the head of the bank, "Whom do you regard as the wise man?" and very likely I would get an answer like this, "I regard the man who succeeds in getting the most money as the wise man—the man who by virtue of rare business sagacity and unusual industry amasses a fortune of first a thousand pounds, and then ten thousand pounds, and then a hundred thousand pounds, and then a million pounds, and then two, three, four, five, ten million pounds, I regard him, as the wise man."

If I should go into your political offices I would get a different answer. Very likely the man would reply, "I regard the man who studies the economic and political problems of the day until he has mastered them, who succeeds in finding out what is best for his country's financial welfare, who wins the confidence of his fellow-citizens, and so is elected to Par-

liament, and is afterwards made a Cabinet Minister, and then is made Prime Minister, I regard him as the wise man."

If I should go to your military men I would get a different answer still. Very likely the reply would be something like this: "I regard the man who masters the

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Monroe Parker

"WATCHMAN, WHAT OF THE NIGHT?"

By Dr. W. R. White, President Baylor University, Waco, Texas

(Condensed message from sermon delivered at First Baptist Church, Oklahoma City, Nov. 19, 1950.)

"The burden of Dumah. He calleth to me out of Seir, Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? The Watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will enquire, enquire ye; return come."—Isa. 21:11,12.

The burden of Dumah. This is one of a series of messages to various nations and peoples by the prophet. Burden means a testimony given to the prophet freighted with unusual consequences. An inescapable urgency is impending.

We shall discuss, first, "the night cometh" and second, "the morning cometh."

Within a comparatively brief time I have been sobered by four expressions of urgency. A group of scientists who collaborated in producing the atom bomb requested some of us to join in a movement to arouse and alert the public as to impending possibilities of a terrible nature. The best informed scientists of the world continue to become increasingly disturbed about public apathy and mounting dangers.

A great authority on the situation in the Orient and foreign affairs in general spoke to a group of us a few months ago. He was calm and didactic but we were impressed with an ominous undertone. He was profoundly conscious that anything might happen at anytime. He was fearful that the worst might come speedily.

Later I heard a great missionary statesman from the Orient. He pictured the falling of the iron curtain over various lands. He referred particularly to China. He urged us to act before the curtain

drops about millions more. He lamented that we had not done more in lands now closed to us.

Recently I heard a great evangelist. An awful sense of urgency (Continued on page 2)



Dr. W. R. White

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Done Your Part?
By the Editor

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This photograph shows a portion of the Sword of the Lord Foundation workers. It was taken immediately following one of the regular morning devotional periods. Each member of this happy group of consecrated Christians has rededicated themselves to making 1951 the biggest, most blessed year of service to the Lord Jesus Christ in Sword history. They are (seated, left to right): Rosemae Kline; Mrs. Joanna Dietz; Charles T. Lampman, Managing Editor; Dr. John R. Rice, President Sword of the Lord Foundation; Walter E. Handford, General Manager; Mrs. Ennabel Alexander; Elizabeth Jean Moffett; (Second Row, left to right) Mrs. Harvey J. Carlson; Mrs. Laura Fellows; Tirrell Stoutenborough; Viola Walden, secretary to Dr. Rice; Bessie Wright; Juanita Durham; Mrs. Elizabeth Handford; Mrs. Betty Clark, Subscription Department; Mrs. W. H. Whipple; Mary Jane Carlson; Sarah DeForest; (Third Row, left to right) Bonnie Schlutow; Mrs. Jeanette McCrady, Bookkeeping Department; Mrs. Gerry Wright; Mrs. Harold Sanderson; Mrs. James Lamb; Margaret Moffett; (Back Row, left to right) John Billings; Carl Shannon; Dale Veach; Henry Workentin; Roy Tunstall; Ladoit Stevens and Evangelist James V. Lamb.

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Some Challenging Facts

This is written on December 13, two weeks before you get it in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Up to this time we have received something over 20,000 paid subscriptions to THE SWORD OF THE LORD in the present campaign. That is a tremendous achievement, and it makes my heart glad. Almost any Christian magazine in the world would be overwhelmed with gratitude to receive so many paid subscriptions in such a short time. We humbly thank God for these subscriptions and for the people who have made them possible. Thank you, dear friends, for your help!

At the same time we had as well face the matter honestly. When we set out to raise THE SWORD paid circulation to a total of 100,000 subscriptions in the present campaign, we were attempting that which would be humanly improbable and so difficult as to be almost impossible without divine help. THE SWORD circulation this year will average about 73,000 copies per week. But in our campaign we did not simply need to get 27,000 more subscriptions to reach 100,000. First we had to get renewal subscriptions or tens of thousands of old subscribers whose subscriptions were expiring in these months during the campaign. Then we had to get tens of thousands of addi-

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"Watchman, What of the Night"

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was upon him. He seemed to sense impending judgment for America. Like a prophet, he called for repentance and a spiritual awakening as the only alternative.

The Night Cometh

In the night I see dark facts. In II Timothy 3:1-3 I see three forms of sin exhibiting egotism. There is self-indulgence, self-align, assertiveness and self-degeneration. Immorality, defiance and implacability characterizes the perilous days of the last time. The indictment fits our age of iniquity. It is a black picture.

Lawlessness is rampant. Events are shaping rapidly for the Lawless One. A world personality is evidently the great dark horse of this dark hour. When the divine restraint is removed, he will appear defying Christ and God, defying himself.

"For the mystery of iniquity doth already work; only he who now letteth will let, until he be taken out of the way. And then shall that Wicked be revealed, whom the Lord shall consume with the spirit of his mouth, and shall destroy with the brightness of his coming."—II Thess. 2: 7, 8.

Rebellion against divine laws and all the restraints of decency is quite evident. Men recoil from the will and ways of God. There is a great conspiracy such as found in the second Psalm. A godless, atheistic horde larger and more dangerous than the world ever saw gathers with frightening momentum. The Russian bear casts a horrifying shadow over the whole earth.

The vacillating, appeasing, experimenting tactics of the leaders of free people is appalling. Isaiah 59:8-14 describes our situation:

"The way of peace they know not; and there is no judgment in their goings; they have made them crooked paths whosoever goeth therein shall not know peace. Therefore is judgment far from us, neither doth justice overtake us: we wait for light, but behold obscurity; for brightness, but we walk in darkness. We grope for the wall like the blind, and we grope as if we had no eyes: we stumble at noon day as in the night; we are in desolate places as dead men. We roar all like bears, and mourn sore like doves: we look for judgment, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions are with us; and as for our iniquities, we know them; In transgressing and lying against the Lord, and departing away from our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. And judgment is turned away backward, and justice standeth afar off: for truth is fallen in the street, and equity cannot enter."

There is no doubt that the enemy is inspired and directed by the Old Dragon. He is the strategist. He gives them superhuman wisdom. Ephesians 6:12 is applicable to our situation in a peculiar way. Our leaders are not receiving supernatural wisdom because they do not seek it properly, if at all. They are therefore no match for our foes. President Truman should have followed Billy Graham's counsel on calling the nation to prayer. They do not seem to have either the cunning of Satan or the wisdom from above.

The declension of the professing Christian world is a shocking spectacle. They quickly embrace and loudly proclaim a form of godliness but do not let it become a force in their lives. Most of them have become a twilight between

night and day. It is hard to say to which they belong.

The Morning Cometh

The Devil's worst will come before God's best. In the darkest hour when we face the most frightening phenomena we are exhorted to lift up our heads and look up for our salvation draweth nigh. In other words, Heads up—our deliverance will come from above (Luke 21:28).

The Lawless One will be destroyed by the brightness of the presence of Christ and by the spirit of His mouth. Yes, the Lord, by whom, in whom and for whom all things exist, and by whose cohesive power all things hold together will put out of business him who would disintegrate and destroy all things.

The defiant kings and people who conspire to dethrone our Christ and our God will be held in derision by Jehovah who chuck-

les at their folly. Our Lord Jesus Christ will receive the nations as His heritage, and the uttermost parts of the earth for His possession.

In spite of the declension of so many professing Christians, there is evidence of spiritual awakenings in many places. There are signs of profound heart-hunger for God. The Lord is reviving His people in the midst of the years. No doubt the gathering revival is for the purpose of selecting the final group for His name.

The night is far spent and the dawn is near. Our salvation—that is, its consummation—is nearer than when we first believed. Yes, much nearer than we think. The restoration of Israel to national autonomy presages red letter days on the prophetic calendar.

We are not left to grope in the present shadows. "We have a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a dark place, until the day dawn." (II Pet. 1:19)

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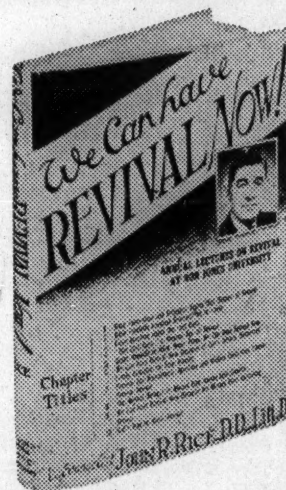
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"I know thy works, and thy labour, and thy patience, and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."
—Rev. 2:2, 3.

These Christians at Ephesus received great credit in these words by the Lord Jesus. He knew their labor and patience, and their holy indignation against evil. He knew how they had tested those claiming to be apostles, how they had borne burdens and persecution, how they had been patient and how their labor had all been "for my name's sake," Jesus said, and they had not fainted nor been discouraged!

What a wonderful heart motive is mentioned here. "For my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."

Is your labor really for the sake of Jesus' name? It is through the name of Jesus Christ that we are saved. He paid our debt, He intercedes for us in Heaven, and therefore "whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved" (Rom. 10:13).

It is in the name of Jesus that we have been baptized. You see, baptism pictures the burial and resurrection of the Lord Jesus and how He took our place, and how we live through Him.

In prayer, the name of Jesus is our only claim. "And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If ye shall ask any thing in my name, I will do it"

(John 14:13, 14). See also John 16:24.

The New Testament Christians suffered often for Jesus' sake and it is clearly promised that all of us who are faithful will have the privilege of not only believing on His name but of suffering for His sake (Phil. 1:29). When Peter and John were accused and beaten before the Sanhedrin, "they departed from the presence of the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for his name" (Acts 5:41).

And one glorious day the name of Jesus will be exalted through all the earth "wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth;

And that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the father" (Phil. 2:9-11).

Oh, the blessed name of Jesus!

I wonder how much you do simply in Jesus' name, without hope of pleasing men, or without hope of any selfish reward? Oh, you will not lose your reward. For Jesus said, "For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward" (Mark 9:41). But are you active in serving the Lord Jesus, looking to Him alone for reward in eternity, regardless of present-day honor or reward?

If we really do things in Christ's name and for His sake alone, we will often displease others, and part company with others. Jesus said, "And every one that hath forsaken houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my name's sake, shall receive an hundredfold, and shall inherit everlasting life" (Matt. 19:29). Yes, doing things for Christ's name's sake will be costly, but there will be a hundredfold reward and eternity to enjoy it in!

Isn't Pleasing the Lord Jesus, and Honoring Him, Reason Enough

Christians often have mixed motives.

I have known many people who would read the Scriptures to help their Sunday school class receive a prize, but who would not read it as carefully nor as often when the contest was over.

I have known young people to work ardently for new members for their young people's society when a picnic was promised and as soon as they had won so many members, the same young people

would work no more after the picnic. Was it really done in Jesus' name?

I have known preachers employed as "half-time" pastor of small churches to preach the two Sundays in the month for which they were paid, and then on a fifth Sunday, to sit through the Sunday school time and then go home with others, with no preaching service because they were not paid to preach. Was their preaching wholly in Jesus' dear name?

I have known many preachers to raise money for denominational causes in which they did not really believe, but for which they got credit in the annual report. Was the money raised in Jesus' name?

I have known preachers to stay in a denomination which had gone modernistic in its leadership, to grieve their hearts day after day, even as the Sodomites grieved Lot. But they stayed within the denomination because they had a form of life insurance, or annuity, in the denomination, and stayed in the denomination for "security." Is the work of such a pastor "in Jesus' name"?

Oh, may the Lord search all of our hearts, and may we judge our motives and try to do all that will please the Lord Jesus and live for His sake!

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There are those who speak of professional evangelists, by which they mean, we suppose, an evangelist whose heart is not in his work, but who uses it simply as a career, a way to make a living. All of us look down on any such attitude towards soul winning. There are some pastors who are professionalists, too, I suppose. And multitudes of lay Christians are just as guilty. They do small duties professionally, but they have no heart burden just to get out the gospel for Jesus' sake, at any cost, without hope of any honor or reward here.

That wonderful church at Ephesus had borne and had "laboured for Christ's name sake." But the next verse tells us the sad truth. "Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee," Jesus says, "because thou hast left thy first love." New converts often send subscriptions to others. Thank God for those saved through our booklets and through sermons in THE SWORD OF THE LORD. One woman whose letter I read today was saved through the book of *Heaven* and then sent \$10 for subscriptions. I wonder has your love grown cold? Are you able to do an unselfish thing for Jesus' sake, and take joy in it, simply because you love the Lord Jesus? If so, may God reward you for it. And may God grant that all of us may labor in this blessed matter of getting out the gospel "for his name's sake."

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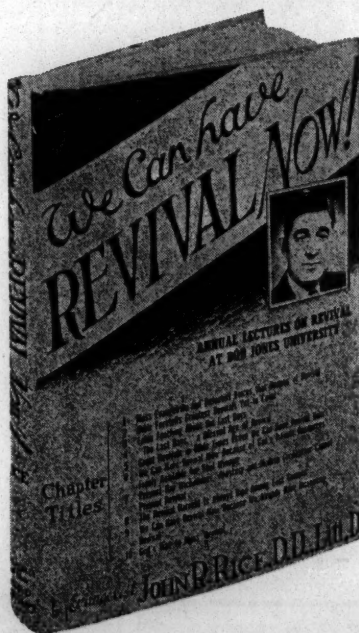
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He That Winneth Souls is Wise

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art of war, who studies the science of tactics and manoeuvres until he knows how to manoeuvre great forces on the field of battle, to lead them on to victory, the man who first becomes a captain, then a major, then a lieutenant-colonel, then a colonel, then a brigadier-general, then a major-general, then a lieutenant-general, and finally a field-marshal, I regard him as the wise man."

If I should go to your young men and women I would get a different answer. Very likely they would say to me, "I regard the man or woman who gets the most pleasure out of life, who finds the most fun by day and the most amusement by night, I regard him as the wise man."

But when I turn away from men with all these discordant answers and look up to God and say, "Heavenly Father, whom dost Thou regard as the wise men," there comes thundering down from yonder throne of eternal light this answer, "He that winneth souls is wise." Not he that wins money, not he that wins political distinctions and honor and position, not he that wins renown in the field of battle, not he that wins the most sport and amusement in life, but he that wins the most men and women to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, he is the wise man.

Men and women, in the eyes of God the wise man is the man who makes soul-winning the business of his life, and my main proposition this afternoon is this, that every follower of Jesus Christ should make the winning of others to Christ the business of his life. I know that some of you say, "I don't believe that; I believe that the statement is altogether too strong." I am going to give you this afternoon six unanswerable reasons why soul-winning should be the business of life on the part of every follower of Jesus Christ.

I. Soul Winning Should Be the Business of Life with Every Christian Because That Is the Work That Jesus Christ Has Commanded Us to Do.

When the Lord Jesus Christ left this earth, He left His marching orders to the Church. You will find them in Matthew 28:19, "Go ye

into all the world and make disciples of all the nations." That commandment was not merely for the first twelve disciples; it was for every follower of Jesus Christ in every age of the Church's history. If you will take the Book of Acts you will see very plainly that in the early Church every Christian considered that the Great Commission to make disciples, to win souls, was for himself. For example, if you will turn to Acts 8:4, you will read these words, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word"; and these that were scattered abroad were not the apostles, but the rank and file, the ordinary everyday members of the Church.

Some years ago when I was speaking in the city of Minneapolis in America, I noticed down in the audience a young lawyer. When the meeting was over I made my way to him and said, "Are you a Christian?"

"Well, sir," he said, "I consider myself a Christian."

I said, "Are you bringing other men to Christ?"

He said, "No, I am not, that is not my business; that's your business, I am not called to do that. I am called to practice law; you are called to preach the Gospel."

I said, "If you are called to be a Christian, you are called to bring other men to Christ."

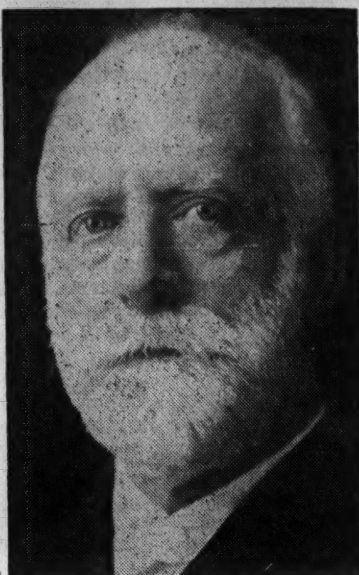
He said, "I don't believe it."

I said, "Look here." Then I opened my Bible at Acts 8:4, and asked him to read, and he read, "They that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word."

"Oh yes," he said, "but these were the apostles."

I said, "Will you be kind enough to read the first verse of the chapter?" Then he read, "They were all scattered abroad except the apostles," and "they that were scattered abroad went everywhere preaching the Word." He had nothing more to say. What could he say?

Men and women, every man and every woman here who believe themselves Christians and are not winning others to Christ are disobedient to Jesus Christ. It is serious business in war to be disobedient to your commanding offi-



Dr. R. A. Torrey

cer, and it is serious business for a Christian to be disobedient to Jesus Christ. Jesus says, "Ye are My friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you" (John 15:14).

One evening I was told that a minister's son was to be present in my congregation, and that though he professed to be a Christian he did not work much at it. I watched for him and selected the man in the audience whom I thought was he, and selected the right man. At the close of the service I hurried to the door by which he would leave, and shook hands with different ones as they passed out. When he came I took his hand and said, "Good evening! I am glad to see you; are you a friend of Jesus?"

"Yes," he replied heartily, "I consider myself a friend of Jesus."

"Jesus says," I replied, "ye are my friends, if ye do whatsoever I command you."

His eyes fell. "If those are the conditions, I guess I am not." I put the same question to you, Are you a friend of Jesus? Are you doing whatsoever He commands you? Are you winning souls as He commands? If I should ask every friend of Jesus to arise, could you conscientiously get up?

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Watchman

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They were weary and beaten. They were outnumbered. They were beleaguered on every side. Despair was attacking from within. All seemed lost. But eager eyes see a sentinel high in the mountains making signals. They spell out: "Hold on. We are coming." Yes, adequate resources are on the way and will arrive in time to save the day. My fellow Christians, our King, with His hosts, is coming, coming quickly. Even so come, Lord Jesus.

Briefs From the Evangelists

Brookshire: Evangelist Joseph Brookshire reporting on his Clintondale, Pennsylvania, meetings where he had 21 decisions, said that never before has the Lord blessed his ministry with the conversion of so many older folk.

Head: Evangelist H. B. Head recently concluded meetings in the Gospel Temple, Owensville, Indiana. Pastor Edwin Groenhoff reported: "You recommended Evangelist Head in THE SWORD OF THE LORD and I wanted you to know that he is a real man of God. His preaching is powerful and true to God's Word."

Mercer: Evangelist Jim Mercer was blessed in a three week campaign in the Copeland Park Presbyterian Church (city not identified). **Miller:** Evangelist R. Paul Miller enjoyed God's blessing in Mountain View Church, Hollins, Virginia, with 29 persons deciding for Christ Jesus and an additional 66 persons rededicating themselves. **Wagner:** Evangelist Eddie Wagner and Jim Stoutenborough had good meetings in Veronia, Oregon late in November with a total of 346 decisions—152 accepting Christ and 59 commitments for full time service. **Winn:** Evangelist Douglas Winn reports that "185 dear souls came for salvation in the city-wide tent campaign just closed in Lynwood, California." He also said: "Never in my life have I known the touch of the Holy Spirit upon the messages as in this campaign."

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tional subscriptions to increase the circulation. By the time you get this issue of THE SWORD OF THE LORD we will have perhaps 24,000 subscriptions sent in during the present campaign. Then we will have to have about 30,000 more subscriptions sent in during the month of January, to reach our goal. Unless the flood of subscriptions now coming in doubles in volume, we will fail to reach our goal!

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Ministers who read THE SWORD OF THE LORD and have been blessed by it, ministers who believe the things for which we are fighting, could easily make this campaign

a success if they would do what they can do and ought to do.

I do not doubt that thousands of readers of THE SWORD OF THE LORD have intended to send in subscriptions but they have delayed. Now, if ever, they should do their part.

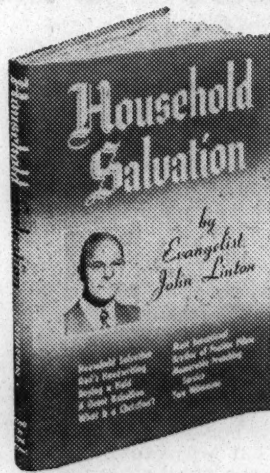
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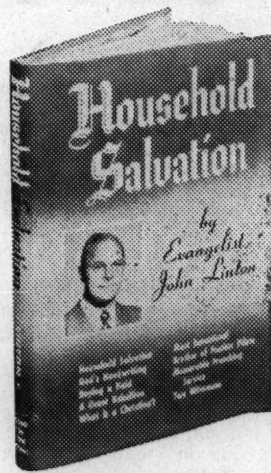
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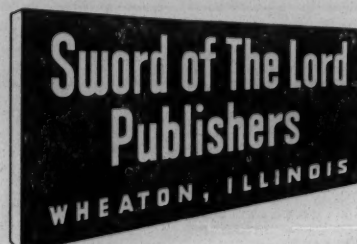
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Evangelist G. Covell Keenum Joins Sword Staff of Evangelists

By the Editor

The *Sword of the Lord* has an official staff of eight or ten evangelists. My brother, Associate Editor Bill Rice, is director of the Staff of Evangelists, and Mr. Ralph Mucher, over five years with the Fuller Foundation Evangelistic Staff, is field secretary. God is blessing these good men.

Brother Bill Rice, Mr. Mucher and I had all agreed in inviting Rev. G. Covell Keenum, pastor Fairview Baptist Church in Decatur, Alabama, but widely used in revival campaigns, to join us as a Sword Staff Evangelist. Now comes a good letter from Brother Keenum accepting our invitation. He begins his work with the Sword Staff of Evangelists with a revival campaign in the First Baptist Church of Plainfield, Indiana, Rev. Phay Plummer, pastor. With him will be his singer, Kenneth Wells.

Good words are coming from a number of people commending Evangelist Keenum. Dr. Charles Seidenspinner, president, Southeastern Bible School at Birmingham, Alabama, writes saying that Brother Keenum has the "heart-interest as well as the evident blessing of God," which indicates that he is a God-called and anointed evangelist, and says, "He may be commended to members of the body of Christ without reservation in his work in evangelism."

Rev. Louis O. Ball, pastor Park City Baptist Church, Knoxville, Tennessee, writes:

"The word came to me just recently that Brother Covell Keenum was going into full-time evangelistic work, so I am writing this letter with the hope that you will print it in THE SWORD OF THE LORD."

"Brother Keenum has been with us in our church in two revivals. The Lord used him both times in a wonderful way, and I believe His second meeting was even better

than his first, although seventy-five souls made profession in the first meeting and many renewed their covenant. The church was blessed, the believers were strengthened, the plan of salvation was made plain and the claims of Christ were presented in every service in a forceful and dynamic manner.

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Choose Your God!

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er's Degree from --- University." She was speaking out loud so she could be heard by everybody on the bus, and she continued, "I received my Ph.D. from --- University, and every person who got his doctorate when I got mine was an atheist."

I had done some work at that University and was not surprised to hear this comment. I detest loud talk in a public place but I, too, spoke out loud because I did not want the lady to skin my ig-

norance before all the people on the bus. I said, "Lady, everybody has some kind of god."

She said, "I'll grant that there is a kind of universal religious instinct, and you'll find peoples in all parts of the world worshipping their several gods, but some of us have progressed up the scale of intelligence until we have outgrown the antiquated idea of a God."

I said, "Lady, you have a god."

She said, "No, I don't."

I said, "Yes, you do; and I can tell you what your god is."

She said, "All right, what is it?" "A Ph.D. from --- University."

A good old sister sitting just behind us said, "Amen!"

Everybody worships something. Your ideal is your idol. One does not have to have an image to be guilty of idolatry. The image is merely a circumstance. The Bible speaks of those who set up idols in their hearts. One does not have to go to a remote part of the earth to find idolatry. You can find it in your own neighborhood.

In ancient times every city and every pursuit of life had a particular god or goddess. Athens was the city of Minerva, the goddess of wisdom. Ephesus was the city of Diana, the goddess of the chase. Rome was the city of Mars, the god of war. Mariners worshipped Neptune; the war-like worshipped Mars; and female vanity bowed down at the shrine of Venus.

The Goddess of Wisdom

There are people in our modern society who proudly and ignorantly worship these ancient gods. Thousands of people are bowing at the shrine of Minerva and are sacrificing at the altar of their own intellects. They light the flickering torch of reason in their search for spiritual truth, but it will not yield a clear flame.

The God of Drink

One of the most popular gods in the world today is Bacchus, the awful god of drink. His temples are in every city, town and hamlet. His shrines are erected along the highways of the land and in the homes of millions. See yonder cathedral with its massive columns made of human skulls with dry, ghastly eyeholes. In its sanctuary there are bloody altars with human souls burning upon them in blue alcoholic flames. Thousands are crowding to the shrine to sacrifice on the altars. Here comes a young man with something held dear. "What have you there, young man?"

"It's my wealth."

"What are you going to do with it?"

"I am going to sacrifice it to my god." Down it goes upon the bloody altar.

Another comes with his health, and reputation, and character. A young lady sacrifices her virtue. Another gives her children; an-

other, home; another, position. A young man comes with something shrieking and I say, "What have you there, young man?" He answers, "My soul." I plead with him to forsake this awful god and turn to the Christ who died to bring peace and victory to that miserable thing he calls his soul.

The God of Lust

Other ancient gods and goddesses flourish today. There is Venus, the personification of lasciviousness, with her millions of devotees in dance halls and night clubs and theaters and other places of lewd entertainment and in secret places of sin. To her is sacrificed body and soul and spirit and "her house is the way to hell going down by the chambers of death."

The God of Gold

Plutus, the god of gold, is worshipped by multiplied millions of people. Oh, the injustice, and extortion, and gambling, and adultery, and theft, and war, and murder committed for money! Indeed, "the love of money is the root of all [kinds of] evil."

Israel's Alternatives

Joshua gave to the people of Israel four choices. They could choose Jehovah, the God of Heaven; or rejecting Him, they could choose from among three other groups of gods, and in either of the three choices they would worship several gods. They could worship the gods which their fathers served on the other side of the river. These were the teraphim, the little household gods like the ones Rachael stole from her father Laban and hid in the camel's furniture which she sat upon when Laban searched Jacob's camp for them. Would you not hate to have a god someone could hide from you by sitting upon it? These teraphim were supposed to have power to protect the household from harm and danger as do the images of certain saints used by the Egyptians (the sun, the Nile, people could worship the gods of the Egyptians (the sun, the Nile, cattle), or the gods of the Amorites, (the Baalim) with which worship were connected many abominable practices.

Israel's Choice

What could these other gods do for those who worshipped them? What did the teraphim do for the people of Mesopotamia? Had not Abraham been called from that heathendom and had not Jehovah blessed him abundantly in the Land of Promise?

What did the gods of Egypt do for the Egyptians? They allowed Jehovah to send all kinds of plagues. They allowed Pharaoh's army to be drowned in the Red Sea. Jehovah had demonstrated His superiority to these gods.

What could the gods of the Amorites do for their followers? They allowed them to be driven out of their land by the Israelites. The gods of the Amorites allowed Israel to take the vineyards and the oliveyards which the Amorites planted and the cities which they built. They allowed the Amorites to fall before Israel and Jehovah gave the victory to His people. The history of Israel demonstrated that Jehovah was the true God. The people chose Jehovah!

The Justice of God

Bob Ingersoll and others have said that it is not consistent with the idea that God is love for Him to empower Israel to destroy the Amorites, slaughtering even the women, children, and babies. It is a sad fact that in this life the innocent sometimes suffer with the guilty, for the guilty, and more than the guilty. However, we must remember that there are two places beyond the grave where things that are uneven in this life are going to be made even. God executes enough justice in this life to demonstrate that He is a God of absolute justice and beyond the grave and in the ages to come He will execute justice and judgment.

In the destruction of the Amorites, God executed justice. God had appeared to Abram and revealed that Israel would dwell in Egypt for a long season and He had promised that He would then bring the Israelites back into the land to possess it after four hundred years, "for," said He, "the iniquity of the Amorites is not yet full." But their iniquity did

fill up. Archeologists have dug in to the ruins of those old Amorite cities and discovered that the people were so corrupt and so diseased that had God spared them they would have contaminated the entire human race. Their iniquity was full.

America's Iniquity is Filling Up

And, my friends, the iniquity of America is now just about full. We are living in an evil day. I am no pessimist and I thank God for the great waves of spiritual revival that are now sweeping America, but if there ever was a time when revival is needed, it is today. There is such moral decadence and such deterioration of character that even those who have opposed evangelism are now saying that revival is our only hope. The divorce mills continue to grind out broken hearts and homeless children with ever-increasing momentum. Liquor flows like water all over the nation and we are a half-drunk people.

Modesty is regarded with contempt. Photographs which would have been outlawed in the mails a generation ago are now used to advertise the movies. Nude dancers are as common as street lights. Sin has been glorified. The following captions and comments were taken from the theater advertisements on a single newspaper sheet in a comparatively small city recently: "Born to be Bad," "When she's bad, she's plenty good," "Now! Heartless, glamorous huntress of men," "The big Hotcha Girlie show," "His camera held the key to 1000 sinister secrets," "Her secret was the mistake that young love brought," "Her secret was born of a loveless kiss"—And so it goes.

Crime Increasing

According to F.B.I. reports, crime increased last year 8½% over that of the preceding year and that year it had increased more than 6%. Last year the major crimes committed averaged one every eighteen seconds. That is a little higher average than three a minute. Think of it! Every eighteen seconds a bank is robbed, or somebody is murdered, or some little child is attacked by a sex maniac, or some other major felony is committed. Juvenile delinquency continues to increase. According to statistics in a recent issue of *Liberty* magazine, over 32% of the teen-agers in America drink beer and over 10% of them before they are fourteen years of age.

Evil Days

And, my friends, we have come to sad and evil days when sex perversity among minor government employees in the national capitol is so wide-spread it becomes a political issue, as was the case recently. God save America! The iniquity of this country is filling up. Why should God withhold atomic bombs which can destroy us? Surely judgment will fall if we do not turn to God. "Except the Lord of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, and we should have been like unto Gomorrah" (Isa. 1:9).

Wisdom of Israel's Choice

God drove out the Amorites and established Israel in the Promised Land. Was not Jehovah mightier than the gods of the Amorites? Were not His benefits more gracious? The Israelites would have been foolish to choose the gods of the Egyptians, or the gods of Mesopotamia. Just as in Joshua's day there were many gods; there are gods today too numerous to mention through which the Devil gives his siren call. But none of them can do for you what Jesus can do. What have Mohammed and Buddha and Tao and Confucius done for the world? Look at India with her sorrows. Look at poor, starving China and the teeming, suffering millions of the other Eastern nations. Look at dark, benighted Africa.

Benefits of Christianity

What has Jesus Christ done for the world? Look at America! "America, the beautiful, God shed His grace on thee, and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea." Of course, it is true that America is a backslidden nation, a drinking nation, a gambling nation, and a sinful nation over which impending judg-

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Dr. Bob Jones Says:

This release, as I understand, will come out just at the close of the year 1950 and just before the new year, 1951.

First: We wish to thank all of you Christian people who have prayed for Bob Jones University; for my son, the president; for me, the founder; and for all of the wonderful people who have worked with us in 1950. We have had marvelous things to happen this year that cannot be humanly explained. Friends have been in contact with our Heavenly Father, "Who is the source of all blessing; and He has heard their prayers."

Second: We are earnestly requesting all of God's people to put Bob Jones University and all of us on their prayer list, and please remember us every day in 1951. Now, remember, we are not asking for these little "now I lay me down to sleep" prayers. We want you to really pray. We are running this institution for the glory of God and the good we can do. We have no material, selfish axe to grind. Everyone who knows about the work of my son, Bob, and my work knows that if we were not connected with this school, we would have all the burdens that normal men should have to carry.

Third: You Christian people can help us carry these burdens; and remember, the Lord says, "Bear ye one another's burdens." This work is not just our work. It is the work of all of God's people everywhere. Remember, we are training orthodox, evangelical, fervent, cultured Christian young people who will go out to the ends of the earth to tell the Gospel story. They will tell this story

in a way to get the attention of the people and to produce real results. You who pray for Bob Jones University and the work it is doing will have a real part, not only in the training of these young people, but in all the results that come from their testimony and their ministry. We long for the prayers of God's people more than we long for anything in the world. God has been so good to us. We must keep this testimony going.

Fourth: If you folks who read this article will all send a gift of some amount to the Student Loan Endowment Fund that we are endeavoring so earnestly to raise, it looks like we should reach about \$400,000 of the \$1,000,000 goal we have set not later than February 1. We are earnestly praying and struggling to reach \$500,000 of the amount by the close of this school year. Some of you people have been planning to send a contribution to the Student Loan Endowment Fund for a long time, but you have been putting it off. Now, please help us with some amount at once. You folks who have already sent something, see if you can't do something extra between now and the first of February. Try to get it in the first week of January. We believe you are going to stand by us in this unselfish undertaking. We are counting on you. We are trusting you. Don't let us down. Thank you and God bless you. We hope 1951 will be a wonderful year for all of you Christian friends.

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Choose Your God!

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ment hangs; but it is still the most humanitarian nation in all the world. We are the freest people on the earth. America is nearer Christian than any nation in the world. Yes, our Christianity has almost become a mere tradition and we have drifted far from the righteousness of our founding fathers, but all the elements that make America great emanate from the influence of Jesus Christ in the land.

Christ Incomparable

I do not like the term "comparative religions." It is all right as an academic term, but the incomparable Christ must be contrasted with the false gods of all other religions. Wherever the true missionary plants the standard of the cross he declares that "Christ has no concord with Belial nor light with darkness."

Wherein is the religion of Jesus Christ distinguished from other religions? It is the only religious system that can offer pardon to the sinner. Where in all the world is there another religion that can do this? They can feed the hungry, clothe the naked, comfort the fatherless and the widow, and promote good deeds, but they cannot pardon the sinner.

See yonder from the sky above
Stern justice hurls a dart of
wrath.

The sinner here on earth below

*Is standing in the danger path.
He'll soon be struck and justly so.
But bursting through those gates
of love
Sweet Mercy brings a shield of
grace.*

*That shield is Christ, the Son of
God.*

*Swifter far than dart can ride
He flies to take the sinner's place,
Is struck Himself, and sheds His
blood.*

*Sinner, 'twas for thee He died.
Stern Justice now is satisfied.*

Let all institutions and systems and councils and theories bow down before Jesus and stack their crowns at the foot of His cross, for they cannot pardon the sinner. "Who is a pardoning God like Thee, or who has grace so rich and free?" "All have sinned." You have sinned and you need pardon. Only Christ can give it to you, my sinner friend. If you will accept Him as your Saviour you may stand in the presence of God as pure in His eyes as Jesus Himself.

*Near, so very near to God
Nearer I cannot be,
For in the person of His Son
I am just as near as He.*

Jesus Can Make You Happy

Jesus Christ is the only One in the universe who can make men happy. Often I hear young people testify as if they are trying to convey the idea that they are

happy even though they are Christians. Perhaps they do not realize it, but it is as though they were saying something like this: "I can still have lots of fun even though I am saved. I can play ball, or fly a plane, or swim, or wear pretty clothes, or do certain other things as well as those who are not saved. I am saved, but I can still be a regular fellow. I am happy even though I am a Christian." Of course, there are many wholesome things that people may enjoy whether they are saved or lost, but those are not the things that make people happy. A Christian may enjoy these things, but he can be happy without them. We are not happy "even though" we are Christians. We are happy because we are Christians.

In the first place, we are happy because our sins are forgiven. Sin is the source of sorrow. The sense of guilt which can be lost only when sin is pardoned keeps all sinners from true happiness. Jesus makes us happy in the second place because He gives us power to rise above sin. The Christian is beset with temptations. He may be defeated, but he does not have to be. The defeated, backslidden Christian is unhappy. Hence David prayed, "Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation."

We are made happy by the assurance that God loves us and also by the assurance that all things work together for our good. We are made happy by the presence of the indwelling Spirit who produces in us peace and joy and other virtues which adjust our

lives so that the spiritual is elevated above the sensual, which is the only proper and, therefore, the only happy condition.

Adapted to All

The religion of Jesus Christ is adapted to all people. It is adapted to people of all ages. Recently I had an old man eighty-seven years of age converted and at the same service a little boy nine years old was saved. The next night I heard them in conversation. They were both happy in Jesus and understood each other when they talked about it.

We sometimes sing, "The old-time religion . . . It was good for Paul and Silas . . . It was good for our mothers . . . and it's good enough for me." It was all right in the horse and buggy days; it was all right in the automobile age. It is all right in the atomic age, too, my friends. It was adapted to Adam and Eve camping in the sight of Eden, and it will be adapted to the last born child this side of the White Throne Judgment.

Jesus is the same for people of all races. "Some from every tongue, and tribe and nation will be there." He is the same for all people circumstantially and socially. He can save the king and He can save the slave. He can save the moralist and He can save the wretch sunk in the deepest and blackest bogs of human depravity.

Jesus Loves the Moron

He is the same for all people

intellectually. He can save the philosopher and He can save the fool. I never get alarmed when a moron gives a testimony. Often some poor "dim wit" will get up to testify and some brother will pull my coat tail and whisper, "Don't let that fellow say anything. He is not all there." Let him testify. Just do not let him take over the service. The other morons will think he has good sense and they will get a blessing. People with good judgment will also get a blessing. They will say, "It's wonderful. Jesus can save a poor fool and He can save a philosopher."

Suppose God had put salvation up on a high intellectual shelf where a man had to climb a philosophical ladder to reach it. Most of us would have to go to Hell. Or, maybe you say, "I am too smart to be a Christian." You are a fool! I do not care who you are or how much you have had your brain stretched, you are a fool. You haven't got sense enough to know that God did not put salvation up on a shelf where only intellectual people could get it. That is the way you would have done it.

Christianity is not reason; it is revelation. There are depths in Christianity which the profoundest philosopher has not plumbed. There are realms into which the keenest mind created by God cannot reach, but God reveals Himself to ordinary people like you and me through Jesus Christ.

Jesus Gives Power

The religion of Jesus Christ is distinguished from all other religions because it is the only one that supplies the power to live up to its demands. The religions of the world say, "Do and live." Jesus Christ says, "Live and do." Someone says, "I want to be a Christian but I do not know whether I can live it. I believe in a man's living up to his profession." So do I, but what is my profession? That I am a naturally born sinner, a child of Adam. I am so sinful that I cannot hope to save myself. I must cast myself entirely upon Jesus Christ and on His robe of righteousness as a substitute for the filthy rags of my own self-righteousness. God looks at the righteousness of Jesus Christ covering me and declares me righteous. And because God is honest, when He writes it down that I am righteous He has got to make me righteous so it will be true, so He imparts something to me. He comes into me Himself in the Person of the Holy Spirit and causes my life to produce fruits of righteousness.

Christ Lives In Me

In other words, my profession is that I am not good. Therefore, He must come and live the Christian life for me. I sometimes think it is almost too good to be true that I know that 22 years ago the great God leaned over the battlements of Heaven and placed a jewel in a vessel of the poorest clay. That clay was my life and that treasure was Jesus. I have this gem in an earthen vessel. I have salvation. I have Christ. I have never lived the Christian life, but for 22 years the Lord Jesus Christ has lived it in me and for me and through me and, sometimes, I am afraid, almost in spite of me.

A Living Saviour

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He That Winneth Souls is Wise

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II. Soul Winning Should be The Business of Life with Every Christian, Because It Was the Business of Life with Jesus Christ Himself.

What is it to be a Christian? To be a Christian is to be a follower of Christ. What is it to be a follower of Christ? To be a follower of Christ is to have the same purpose in life that Jesus Christ had. What was Christ's purpose in life? He Himself defines it in Luke 19:10. He says, "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." The Lord Jesus Christ had just one purpose in coming down to this earth. He had just one purpose in leaving the glory of Heaven for the shame of earth. There was just one thing He lived for, one thing He suffered for, one thing He died for, that was to save the lost.

Is that your purpose? Is that what you live for? Is that the one great ambition of your life? Is that the all-absorbing passion of your life? If it is not, what right have you to call yourself a Christian? If Christ had one purpose in life and you have an entirely dif-

ferent purpose in life, what right have you to call yourself a follower of Jesus Christ? Jesus Christ says in Matthew 4:19, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Are you following Christ? are you fishing for men?

Suppose I had asked at the beginning of this service every follower of Christ to stand up, I think that almost every man and woman in this audience would have stood to their feet; but suppose I should now ask every follower of Christ to rise, how many of you could stand up?

III. Soul Winning Should be the Business of Life with Every Christian, Because that is the Work in Which we Enjoy the Unspeakable Privilege of the Personal Fellowship of Jesus Christ.

There is a wonderful promise in this Book, one of the most precious promises that it contains, a promise that men and women are quoting constantly. I do not wonder that men and women so often quote the promise! What I do wonder at is that they quote the precious promise without reference to the context and the condition. The promise is this (Matt. 28:20), "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world." Is there a more precious promise than that between the covers of this book? Ah, but notice the condition. You will find it in the preceding verse. Jesus said, "Go ye into all the world and make disciples of all the nations, . . . and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."

In other words, Jesus says, "You go my way, and I will go yours. You go out with me in fellowship,

in work, and I will go out with you in personal fellowship."

I want to ask you a question: Have you any right to this promise? You have often quoted it; you have often built upon it, but have you any right to it? Are you going out, as far as your line extends, making disciples, winning souls? Your line may not extend very far, but as far as your line extends, are you going to bring other men or women to Christ? If you are, you have a right to that promise. If you are not, you have no right to that promise.

IV. Soul Winning Should be the Business of Life with Every One of Us, Because that is the Work in Which we Enjoy the Fulness of the Holy Spirit's Presence and Power.

Men and women, there is no greater blessing than to receive the Holy Ghost, to be filled with the Holy Ghost. Oh, the joy of personally receiving and being filled with and baptized with the Holy Ghost! It is Heaven come down to earth. But listen, that blessing is given for a specific purpose and can only be had along the line of that purpose. What that purpose is, is revealed in Acts 1:8. Jesus says, "Ye shall receive power after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto Me both in Jerusalem and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost parts of the earth." The baptism with the Holy Ghost, the gift of the Holy Ghost, is given to you and me to make us effective in God's service. There is many a man who is praying for the baptism with the Holy Ghost day after day, week after week, month after month, year after year and getting nothing. Why? Because he is seeking a blessing that terminates in himself. You are seeking God's blessing, but you are not seeking it on God's line. When you are ready to go out and tell others about Christ as best you can in God's power, when you are willing to go out and plead with men and women and children to accept the Lord Jesus Christ, then and only then can you have the gift of the Holy Ghost.

V. Soul Winning Should be the Business of Life with Every One of Us Because it is the Work that Produces the Most Beneficent Results.

There is no other work so beneficent, no other work that is for a moment comparable to the work of bringing other men and women to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. To feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to better house the poor, to instruct the ignorant, is blessed work, and I rejoice in all the work of that kind that is being done. But, men and women, to clothe the naked, to feed the hungry, to house the poor, to instruct the ignorant, is not for a moment to be compared with the glory, the honour, and the beneficence of bringing lost men and women to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. There is no work like it.

There is one passage in this Book which, if I could quote it, as it ought to be quoted,—that is, if I could so repeat that passage as to bring out the full meaning and force of three words in that passage—I would be willing to leave Birmingham without preaching another sermon, for if I could quote that passage as it ought to be quoted, if I could so quote it as to make you men and women realize the full and entire meaning and force of three words in that passage, this whole audience at the close of this meeting would rise en masse and go out of Bingley Hall, to go up and down the streets of Birmingham for days, and weeks, and months, and years to come, beseeching men and women to be reconciled to God. You say, "What is this passage?" It is a very familiar one. You all know it, but the trouble is you know the words so well you have never stopped to weigh the meaning. James 5:20: "Let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death." Oh, I would to God that I could burn these words into your hearts today—"he

which converteth a sinner from error of his way, shall save a soul from death." The three words to note and weigh are, "Save," "Soul," "Death."

Let us begin with the middle one of the three words—soul. "Shall save a SOUL from death." Oh, if I only had power to make you men and women in Bingley Hall this afternoon see the value of a soul as God sees it, not merely the value of the soul of the philosopher, or the soul of the highly-educated man, or the soul of the prince or the nobleman, but the value of the soul of the drunkard and the outcast woman, of the uneducated man and the ignorant, of the little, ragged, dirty boy or girl upon the street. Oh, if I could make you see and feel the value of one soul as God sees it! What can I put in comparison with it? Gold is nothing in comparison with the value of a soul. Precious stones are nothing, all the gems of earth are as nothing.

In 1893, during the World's Fair in Chicago, there was a place in the Manufacturer's Building, in the Tiffany Exhibit, that I could never get close to that I might see what the people were looking at. Time and time again, and day after day, I went to that place, at all hours of the day and night, but there was always such a crowd there that, if I wanted to see what they were looking at, I had to stand on my tiptoes and look over the heads of the crowd in front of me. What were they looking at? Nothing but a cone of purple velvet revolving upon its axis, and towards its apex was a large, beautiful diamond of fabulous value. Day after day people by the thousand came to see it, and during the course of the World's Fair people literally by the million came to look at that one stone. Well, it was worth looking at, but I have never thought of that sight since but the thought has occurred to me, that the soul of one man or woman, the soul of the most worthless drunkard on the street, the soul of the vilest and most abandoned woman, the soul of the raggedest and filthiest and most ignorant boy or girl upon the street is of infinitely more value in God's sight than ten thousand diamonds like that.

I had two friends in New York City in the same business, and both of them prospered in it. One of these men started in life in New York City practically penniless, but he had very rare business ability, and he succeeded in amassing a fortune of first a million dollars, then of two million dollars, then of three million dollars, and then of four million dollars. One day he was walking toward his beautiful home up on Fifth Avenue, and as he crossed one of the lower avenues of the city he was run into by a tram-car and was taken home to die. He had left four million dollars. Yes, he left it all. He did not take a penny of it with him. And I remember how the New York and Brooklyn papers came out with editorials upon this self-made man, speaking of his remarkable business ability. He had come to New York as a young man absolutely without money, and had gone to work and amassed a fortune of four million dollars, and then died.

The other man was in the same business. He, too, had prospered. I don't know just how much he accumulated. I think about half a million dollars. Then one day God came into that man's home and took out of it a beautiful daughter, a child only four years of age, the idol of that man's heart. A few days after her burial he was riding up in the elevated train towards his home, and as he thought of his little daughter the blinding tears came to his eyes, and he held the newspaper up before his face to hide the tears from the strangers in the train. He kept thinking about his little daughter Florence, and this question came into his heart, "Your daughter is dead; what are you doing for other men's daughters?" He said, "I am doing nothing, but I will," and the next year he put ten thousand dollars into the rescue of fallen girls in New York City, the next year put eleven thousand dollars into the same work, and the next

year he put himself into the work. He turned his back upon his place of business down in Fulton Street, and I have oftentimes known of his not going to his place of business more than two hours a week, and spending eighteen or twenty hours a day down in the slums of New York City, seeking the perishing. Finally, he turned his back on the business altogether, capitalized it, and gave his whole time and strength to going up and down the world, telling lost men and women about Jesus Christ. He is upwards of seventy years of age—the youngest seventy-year-old man I know. God has used him to lift thousands of men and women from the deepest depths of sin to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

Now, I am going to ask you a question. In the light of eternity, in the light of that great judgment day to which we are all hurrying, which of these two men made the best use of his time, his talents, his money—the man who devoted his entire energies to saving four million dollars, and then left it all and died, went down to eternity a pauper, or the man who devoted his strength to saving thousands of souls, who will meet and welcome him in a glorious eternity?

The second word — DEATH. "Shall save a soul from death." Oh, men and women, that word death is one of the most awful words in our language. People in our day, poets and theologians, try to paint death in fair colors. There is nothing fair about death. Death is a hideous thing, death is a horrid thing, death is an appalling thing, death is our enemy. Thank God, for the Christian it is a conquered enemy, for Jesus Christ has abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the Gospel. But death itself is an appalling thing. Now, listen. When you go to a man, or woman, or child, and lead them to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ, you have saved a soul from death. Remember, the death of the soul does not mean mere non-existence; death does not mean annihilation, death does not mean mere cessation of being; death does not mean mere non-existence any more than life in the New Testament means mere existence: Life means right existence, holy existence, God-like existence, the ennoblement and the glorification and the deification of existence, and death means just the opposite. Death means wrong existence, unholy existence, the corruption, and the defilement, and the debasement, and the shame, and the ignominy, and the ruin, and the despair of existence. When you and I lead a man or woman to Christ we save a soul from death.

Then look at that other word—SAVE. That is one of the great words. Oh, you sometimes narrow it down and make it a very small sort of word, but as it is used in the Bible the word "save" is one of the magnificent words. It means not merely to save from, but to save to, not merely to save from Hell, but to save to glory, to save to holiness, to save to happiness, to save to Heaven, to save to a knowledge of God, communion with God, likeness to God.

Suppose it were announced that I were to tell this afternoon, in Bingley Hall, to the business men of Birmingham, a process whereby they could go out through the streets of Birmingham and into your country roads, and stoop down in the mud and dirt of your streets and pick up common ordinary stones, and by the mysterious process of the lapidary, which I was to tell you here this afternoon, transform them into real diamonds of the very first quality. Suppose it had been announced that I was to do that this afternoon in Bingley Hall, and that the business men of Birmingham knew I really had such a process, do you think there would have been anybody in this meeting this afternoon? There would not have been seats enough in this building to

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VI. Soul Winning Should be the Business of Life with Every Christian Because it is the Work that Brings the Most Abundant Reward.

There is another verse which I wish might sink into your heart. It is Daniel 12:3, "They that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament, and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars forever and ever." Some people want to shine down here. Men and women, it is not worth-while. The brightest star in any earthly galaxy will soon fade. The brightest star in the financial firmament, the brightest star in the political firmament, the brightest star in the social firmament, how long will they shine? Only a few years, and then they will go out forever.

The brightest star in our political firmament about three years ago, at this time, a star that shone with absolutely unrivalled splendour, a man about whom the world was speaking and beginning to couple his name with the names of America's greatest statesmen, with the names of Washington and Lincoln—one dark night that star was snuffed out by the crack of the revolver of a half-crazy anarchist, and today that great statesman is practically forgotten. In America almost no one ever speaks about McKinley today. You can look through our papers day after day and never see his name. It is all Roosevelt now; it used to be all McKinley. Ten years from now it will be somebody else. It is so here in England. You go through your English papers today. It is all Chamberlain now. Ten years from now Chamberlain will be practically forgotten. It does not pay to shine down here. It does pay to shine up there. They that shine up there shall shine as the stars forever and ever. Men and women, we could not, most of us, shine down here if we wanted to, but thank God, there is not one of us who can't shine up there. There is only one way to shine up there, and that is by saving the lost, by bringing them to a saving knowledge of Christ.

Before I close I must tell you a story. This incident is so remarkable that when I first heard it, it seemed to me that it could not possibly be true. Yet the man that told it was of such a character that I felt that it must be true because he told it, and yet I said, "I must find out for myself whether that story is true or not." So I went to the librarian of the university where the incident was said to have occurred and I found out that it was true. The story as I tell it to you today is as I got it from the brother of the main actor in the scene. The story is this:

About twelve miles from where I live, twelve miles from the city of Chicago, is the suburb of Evanston, where there is a large Methodist university. I think the largest university of the Methodist denomination in America; at all events, a very great university. Years ago, before the college had blossomed into a great university, there were many students in it, and among them two young country boys from the State of Iowa—strong vigorous fellows, and one of them was a famous swimmer. Early one morning word came to the college that down on Lake Michigan, just off the shores of Evanston, there was a wreck. It proved to be the *Lady Elgin*. The college boys with everybody in town, hurried down to the shores of Lake Michigan. Off yonder in the distance they saw the *Lady*

Elgin going to pieces. Ed Spencer, this famous swimmer, threw off all his superfluous garments, tied a rope around his waist, threw one end to his comrades on the shore, sprang into Lake Michigan, swam out to the wreck, grasped one that was drowning and gave the sign to be pulled ashore. And again, and again, and again he swam out and grasped a drowning man or woman and brought them safe to shore until he had brought to shore a seventh, an eighth, a ninth, and a tenth. Then he was utterly exhausted. They had built a fire of logs upon the sand. He went and stood by the fire of logs that cold bleak morning, blue, pinched, trembling, hardly able to stand. He stood before that fire trying to get a little warmth into his perishing members. As he stood there he turned and looked round on Lake Michigan, and off in the distance, near the *Lady Elgin*, he saw men and women still struggling in the water. He said, "Boys, I am going in again." "No, no, Ed," they cried, "it is utterly vain to try; you have used up all your strength, you could not save anybody; for you to jump into the lake will simply mean for you to commit suicide."

"Well," he said, "boys, they are drowning, and I will try, anyhow." And he started to the shore of the lake.

His companions cried, "No, no, Ed, no, don't try."

He said, "I will," and he jumped into Lake Michigan and battled out against the waves, and got hold of a drowning man that was struggling in the water. And again, and again, and again, until he had brought an eleventh, a twelfth, a thirteenth, a fourteenth, and a fifteenth safe to shore. Then they pulled him in through the breakers. He could scarcely get to the fire on the beach, and there, trembling, he stood before that fire trying to get a little warmth into his shivering limbs. As they looked at him it seemed as if the hand of death was already upon him. Then he turned away from the fire again, and looked over the lake and as he looked away off yonder in the distance he saw a spar rising and falling upon the waves. He looked at it with his keen eye, and saw a man's head above the spar. He said, "Boys, there's a man trying to save himself." He looked again and saw a woman's head beside the man's. He said, "Boys, there's a man trying to save his wife." He watched the spar as it drifted toward the point. He knew that to drift around that point meant certain death. He said, "Boys, I am going to help him."

"No, no, Ed," they cried, "you can't help him. Your strength is all gone."

He said, "I will try, anyway." He sprang into Lake Michigan, swam out wearily toward the spar, and reaching it he put his hands upon the spar, summoned all his dying strength, and brought that spar around the right end of the point to safety. Then they pulled him in through the breakers, and loving hands lifted him from the beach and carried him to his room up in the college. They laid him upon his bed, made a fire in the grate, and his brother Will remained by to watch him, for he was becoming delirious. As the day passed on Will Spencer sat by the fire. Suddenly Will heard a gentle footfall behind him, felt someone touch him on the back; he looked up and there stood Ed looking wistfully down into his face. He said, "What is it, Ed?"

He said, "Will, did I do my best?"

"Why, Ed," he said, "you saved seventeen."

He said, "I know that, but I was afraid I didn't do my very best. Will, do you think I did my very best?" Will took him back to bed and laid him upon it, and sat down by his side. As the night passed, I am told, Ed went into semi-delirium, and Will sat by the bed and held his hand and tried to calm him in his delirium. All that he thought about were the men and women that perished that day, for with all his bravery many

went down to a watery grave. Will sat there and held Ed's hand and tried to calm him. "Ed," he said, "you saved seventeen." He said, "I know it, Will, I know it; but oh, if I could only have saved just one more."

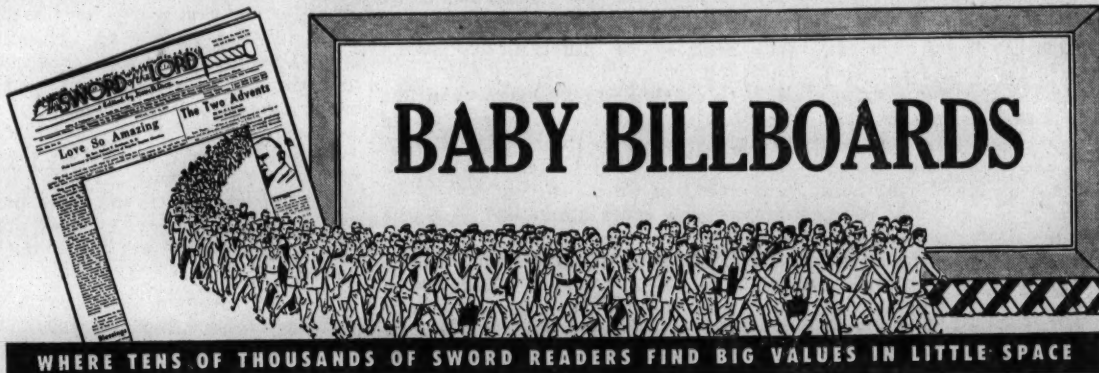
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out at this tossing sea of life round about us on every hand there are wrecks. Will you and I sit here calmly while they are going down, going down, going down, going down to a hopeless eternity!

Men and women, let us plunge in again and again and again and again, until every last ounce of strength is gone, and when at last

in sheer exhaustion we fall upon the shore in the earnestness of our love for perishing men, let us cry, "Oh, if I could only save just one more!"

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